

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Mr. William Librizzi
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Dear Mr. Librizzi:

This refers to the October 4 meeting with Messrs. John Frisco and Robert Ogg to discuss an effective method for our Service to participate in Superfund site cleanup activities in New Jersey. In fiscal year 1984, we reviewed and commented on four National Priority List sites (NPL) in New Jersey—(Lone Pine, Prices Pit, King of Prussia, Kimbuc). Our participation was in accordance with the September 2, 1982, Memorandum of Understanding between our agencies to analyze impacts and determine damages to natural resources in accordance with Section 107(c) of the CERCLA. A copy of the MOU is enclosed for your reference.

Considering the large number of NPL sites in New Jersey and the lack of adequate staff, data, and funds to fulfill our joint responsibility to protect natural resources, we believe that it would be most effective if certain biological criteria for sampling and analysis were included in your contracts to the private sector. Without data, the Service cannot adequately review and comment on the Preliminary Natural Resource Surveys. Your staff indicated that they expect 12 studies to be contracted this fiscal year and that we may help to develop biological sampling and analysis criteria for some of the studies. We would appreciate knowing which studies are proposed for contracting and when you will need our help in designing the proposed biological sampling and analysis scheme.

The Service is presently determining the resources needed to take remedial action on hazardous waste sites located on national wildlife refuges in New Jersey. The Service has tentatively identified three sites on the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and one site on the Barnegat Unit of the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. I request that any information you have on these sites, in particular the asbestos dump and Miele's Dump in the Great Swamp Refuge, be provided to us.

We look forward to working with your staff in conducting activities under CERCLA. I request that your staff contact Michael Chezik, Assistant Field Supervisor, in Absecon (FTS 483-4313) to initiate the proposed sampling effort.

Sincerely,

Charles O. Kulp Field Supervisor

Enclosure

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